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-- CONDITIONS FOR SPANISH MEMBERSHIP

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, WE NOTE THAT IN RESUME OF MEMCON
BETWEEN VAN ELSLANDE AND OREJA, BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
STATED THAT "SPAIN WOULD HAVE TO MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS
FOR BOTH EC AND NATO MEMBERSHIP".

2. IF THIS SUBJECT ARISES, AND AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY
BRUSSELS SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THAT,
WHILE WE AGREE SPAIN WILL NATURALLY NEED TO ACCEPT AND
FULFILL THE CONDITIONS, LETTER, AND SPIRIT OF THE NORTH
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ATLANTIC TREATY BEFORE EVENTUAL SPANISH ACCESSION, WE

WISH TO AVOID SETTING RIGID PREREQUISITES AND HOPE
BELGIUM WILL JOIN US IN THIS. ROBINSON

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